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## APPLICATION ELEMENTS

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2. ☒ Drawing(s) (35USC 113) Total Pages 16
3. ☒ Declaration and Power of Attorney Total Pages 2
- a. ☒ Unexecuted(original or copy)
- b. ☐ Copy from prior application (37CFR 1.63(d))  
(for continuation/divisional with Box 14 completed)
- [Note Box 4 Below]
- i. ☐ **DELETION OF INVENTOR(S)**  
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inventor(s) named in the prior  
application, see 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).
4. ☐ Incorporation By Reference (usable if Box 3b is checked)  
The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which  
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## ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS

5. ☒ Assignment Papers (cover sheet & documentation)  
SONY CORPORATION
6. ☒ Letter under 37 CFR 1.41(c).
7. ☐ English Translation Document (if applicable)
8. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449 ☐ Copies of IDS Citations
9. ☒ Preliminary Amendment
10. ☒ Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503)  
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11. ☐ Small Entity ☐ Statement filed in prior Application,  
Statement(s) Status still proper and desired
12. ☒ Certified copy of Japanese priority document No.  
P2000-155403; filed May 25, 2000.

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Re: New U.S. Application for Letters Patent  
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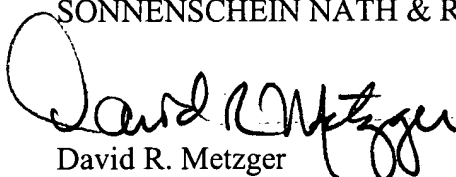
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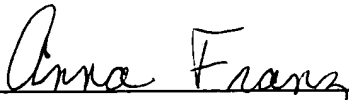
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